

Hearing on “The Dangers of Reporting on Human Rights”

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Gulchehra A. Hoja Biography

Gulcherha “Guli” Hoja is a broadcaster with Radio Free Asia’s Uyghur Service, where she has worked since 2001. Prior to RFA, Ms. Hoja was a successful TV personality and journalist in China’s Uyghur Region with Chinese state media. But after first hearing RFA’s Uyghur Service’s news broadcast on shortwave radio, she decided to leave China and join the U.S.-effort to provide the Uyghur people with trustworthy, uncensored journalism. At least two dozen of Ms. Hoja’s China-based relatives are missing, all presumed to be held in so-called “re-education camps.” Her parents were detained in February 2018 but were released because of health issues. Ms. Hoja has a bachelor’s degree in Uyghur language and literature from Xinjiang Normal University. She is a U.S. citizen, and lives in Woodbridge, Virginia with her husband and three children.